

**UTAH HEALTH DATA COMMITTEE UPDATES**  
**By the Committee's Staff - Office of Health Care Statistics**  
**Utah Department of Health**  
**March 12, 2001 - May 14, 2001**

*Health Data Committee elected new officers:* Mr. Andrew Bowler (Small Business Representative) and Mr. Clark Hinckley (Large Business Representative) were elected as the new Chair and Vice Chair for Health Data Committee on May 14, 2001, effective as of July 1, 2001. For more information, contact Orrin Colby, Current Chair of the Health Data Committee at (801) 972-7555.

*Partnership with data suppliers-* The Health Data Committee decided in its March meeting to take measures to increase HDC data suppliers uses of the data. The Utah Hospital Association and the HCS staff are working together to plan the development of a Web application for hospitals to conduct patient origin and destination study. (Wu Xu, [wxu@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:wxu@doh.state.ut.us) or Bruce Murray, [bruce@uha-utah.org](mailto:bruce@uha-utah.org))

*Report on Complications of Care and Adverse Events Among Utahns Hospitalizations, 1995-99* will be finalized and released soon. It provides preliminary information on statewide patterns of adverse events -- injuries resulting from a medical intervention -- and complications of care. In the absence of a comprehensive medical error monitoring and reporting system, this report is based on Utah Hospital Discharge Database (UHDD). Staff will consult with Utah Hospital Association for facilitating hospitals to use the information in the report. (Gulzar Shah, [gshah@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:gshah@doh.state.ut.us))

*1999 ambulatory surgery data* has been compiled and edited. Hospital and surgery centers will receive the tabulations of their 1999 data for verification in mid May. The preliminary number of total selected surgery visits/discharges in Utah in 1999 was 180,274 visits with \$357,520,044 total charges among 41 hospitals and 15 surgery centers. (John Morgan, [jmorgan@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:jmorgan@doh.state.ut.us))

*Ambulatory Surgery Data Standard Report 1 (AMB ST-1) 1999* will be issued for the first time during June-July, 2001. The AMB ST-1 includes two tables (Patient profile, number of visits and total charges by 14 selected ambulatory surgery reporting category) for each hospital with peer group's comparisons. Staff is looking for an appropriate grouping software which will permit refined and comparable analyses of the ambulatory surgery data. (John Morgan, [jmorgan@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:jmorgan@doh.state.ut.us))

*2001 Consumer Satisfaction Survey (CAHPS) of Utah Commercial and Medicaid HMOs* are being conducted. DataStat, an independent contractor, recently completed data collection and is currently compiling the survey data. The preliminary response rates are 55.6% (Medicaid) and 54.5% (Commercial). Considering that 1999 survey response rates were 35% for Medicaid plans and 23% for commercial HMOs, it appears that the use of mail and telephone follow-up method substantially enhanced this year's response rate. (Chungwon Lee, [clec@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:clec@doh.state.ut.us))

*The report based on the 1999 consumer survey of Medicaid HMO enrollees with special health care needs*, will be released in May. The survey results show that Medicaid beneficiaries

with special health care needs find it easier to communicate with doctors and to find courteous office staff than other Medicaid clients do. However, it is also shown that getting health care that was necessary was slightly more problematic for Medicaid clients with special needs than their counterparts. (Chung-won Lee, [clew@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:clew@doh.state.ut.us))

*Next Health Data Committee's meeting* is on Monday, July 9, 2001, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Cannon Health Building Room 125. For more information call Janet Scarlet at (801) 538-7048 or [jscarlet@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:jscarlet@doh.state.ut.us).

#### What's New on the HDC Web Site?

[www.healthdata.state.ut.us](http://www.healthdata.state.ut.us)

New Information was released on Internet after March 12, 2001:

*Utah Commercial HMO Performance Report on 1999 Consumer Survey (CAHPS) and 1998 & 1999 HOM Performance Measures (HEDIS):*

<http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/consumer%20publications/commercial99.pdf>

*Utah Medicaid HMO Performance Report on 1999 Consumer Survey (CAHPS) and 1998 & 1999 HOM Performance Measures (HEDIS):*

<http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/Reports/99mc.pdf>

*1999 Hospital inpatient utilization and charges profile, state summary and hospital tables:*

[http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/Reports/st1\\_1999.PDF](http://hlunix.hl.state.ut.us/hda/Reports/st1_1999.PDF)

(Web Master Ryley Fogg, [rfogg@doh.state.ut.us](mailto:rfogg@doh.state.ut.us))

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